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In re Application of

Carlsson, et al.

Application No. 09/828,864

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed July 18, 2007.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **granted**.

This application was held abandoned on February 3, 2007, after it was believed that no response was received to the non-final Office action mailed November 2, 2006. The non-final Office action allowed a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from its mailing date. Extensions of the time set for reply were available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 12, 2007, indicating that a reply to the non-final Office action was not received.

The instant petition maintains that an amendment responsive to the non-final Office action was timely received by the Office. A review of the application file revealed that an amendment responsive to the non-final Office action was filed on February 1, 2007, and matched with the subject application. It appears that the application was improperly held abandoned as a response to the non-final Office action was filed prior to expiration of the shortened statutory period for reply. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn, accordingly.

The application file is being forwarded Technology Center 2600, GAU 2616, for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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